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P R E F A C E

The Primer complies with the requirements of the new syllabus prescribed by the Government of West Bengal. The vocabulary is strictly controlled and approximates the list of the first 500 words compiled by Thorndike. Sometimes allied words have been lumped together in one lesson for better assimilation.

The lessons begin with a thorough drilling of the vowel and important consonant sounds. To break the monotony lessons on conversation have been interspersed. Incidentally the students are taught simple questions and their answers.

Most of the lessons are on the environment of the student. The prose portion is rounded off with two sketches of Sarojini Naidu and Mahatma Gandhi.

A few nursery rhymes and some musical poems are offered to the students as their first introduction to English poetry. It is hoped that they will enjoy reading them.

The illustrations not only explain many of the unfamiliar words and phrases but help to enliven the pages.

No pains have been spared to make the lessons simple and interesting. The labour will be amply rewarded if the teachers of West Bengal find the book useful.

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PRIMER**

THE LETTERS

CAPITAL

**A B C D E F G
H I J K L M N
O P Q R S T
U V W X Y Z**

SMALL

**a b c d e f g h i
j k l m n o p q r
s t u v w x y z**

NUMBERS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

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LESSON 1

lad

cat

man

fan

bad

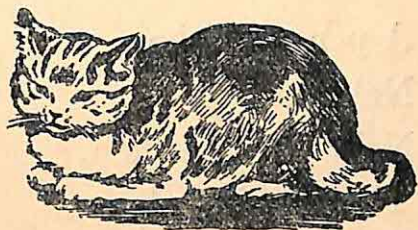
fat

pan

A lad A cat

A bad lad

A fat cat



A man A fan A hat

A man has a fan.

A lad has a fan.

A man has a pan.

A lad has a hat.

Word drill :

bad

cat

map

tan

bag

mad

rat

tap

van

rag

A fat cat

LESSON 2

pen	pet	red	get
hen	net	fed	set

A pen A hen
 Nell has a pen.
 Nell has a pet hen.
 The hen is red.
 The pet hen is red.



Nell fed the pet hen.
 Nell fed the pet red hen.
 Get a net.
 Set a net.
 A red hen is in a net.

Word drill :

get	met	bed	ten	pet
let	set	fed	hen	wet

The hen is red

LESSON 3

big kid his

pig it is

A pig

It is a pig.

The pig is big.

The pig is fat.

It is a big fat pig.



Get a kid.

Get a fat kid.

The man has a kid.

It is his kid.

The lad has a pig.

It is his pig.

*Word drill :*

hit sit

tin

big

hill

pit lit

him

dig

mill

The lad has a kid

LESSON 4

hot pot not
top doll

Get a pot.

Get a hot pot.

It is a hot pot.



A lad has a top.

He has a red top.

It is his top.

Nell has a doll.

It is not a top.

It is a doll.

A top is not a doll.

A doll is not a top.



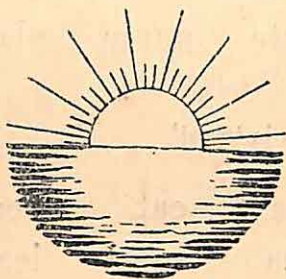
Word drill :

pot	got	dog	box	lock
hot	not	log	ox	dock

Nell has a doll

LESSON 5

sun	fun	much
run	gun	such



The sun is up.
The sun is red.
The red sun is up..
It is fun to run.

Get a gun.
It is not a big gun.
The lad has a big gun.



Word drill :

mug	cut	sun	cup	duck
rug	hut	run	pup	luck

It is fun to run

SOUND DRILL

1. Sound as in 'take'

cake	make	late	lame	plate
bake	lake	hate	game	slate

2. Sound as in 'meet'

see	feet	tea	eat	read
tree	street	sea	meat	lead

3. Sound as in 'ride'

hide	nice	kind	light	sight
side	pice	find	fight	bright

4. Sound as in 'rose'

nose	those	bone	boat	gold
dose	close	stone	goat	bold

5. Sound as in 'new'

few	dew	you
ewe	mew	tube

6. Sound as in 'rain'



pain

tail

grain

gate

gain

nail

train

eight

7. Sound as in 'coat'

goat

coal

hope

told

boat

loaf

pole

fold

8. Sound as in 'car'

far

bar

part

rather

jar

star

cart

father

9. Sound as in 'food'

good

moon

who

fruit

wood

noon

two

suit

10. Sound as in 'toy'

boy

oil

coin

voice

joy

boil

join

noise

11. Sound as in 'wall'

tall	ball	call	walk
fall	hall	small	chalk

12. Sound as in 'town'

owl	mouse	sound	shout
fowl	house	round	a-bout

13. Sound as in 'dear'

tear	near	ear	here
clear	deer	year	mere

14. Sound as in 'tire'

sire	fire	wire
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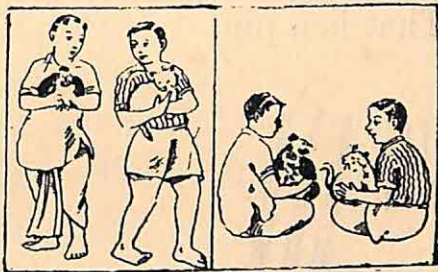
LESSON 6

I
he

we
she

you
they

I have a hen.
You have a cat.



We have a hen and a cat.



The boy has a top.
He has no doll.
The girl has a doll.
She has no top.

The boy has a top.
The girl has a doll.
They have a top and a doll.

The girl has a doll

LESSON 7

this

that

these

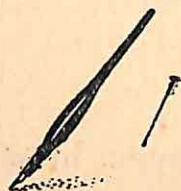
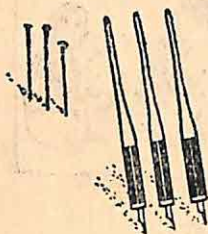
those

it

what

This is a pen.

That is a pin.



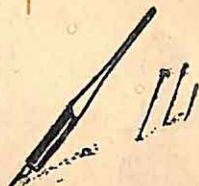
These are pens.
Those are pins.

What is this?

This is a pen.

What are those?

Those are pins.



What are these?

These are cats.

What are those?

Those are dogs.

Those are pins

LESSON 8

A lad has a top.

Has he a hat?

No, he has no hat.

Has he not a top?

Yes, he has a top.

A girl has a doll.

Has she a fan?

No, she has no fan.

Has she not a doll?

Yes, she has a doll.

Who has a top?

The lad has a top.

Who has a doll?

The girl has a doll.

LESSON 9

One cat



Two rats

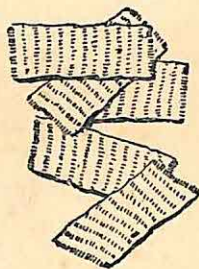


Three pens

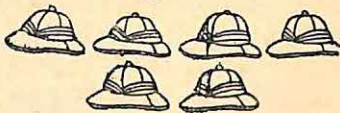
Four hens

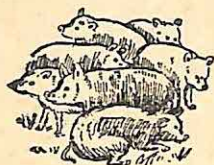


Five mats

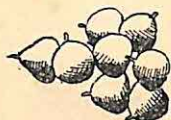


Six hats



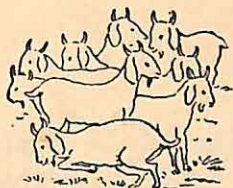


Seven pigs

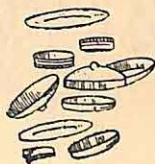


Eight figs

Nine kids



Ten lids



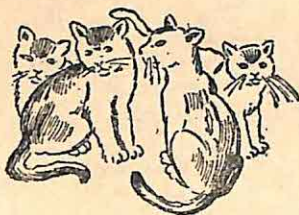
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
VII	VIII	IX	X		

LESSON 10

It is a cat.

Is it a cat?

Yes, it is a cat.



They are cats.

Are they cats?

Yes, they are cats.

It is a rat.

Is it a rat?

Yes, it is a rat.



They are rats.

Are they rats?

Yes, they are rats.



Are they cats?

No, they are not cats.

Are they not rats?

Yes, they are rats.

Yes, they are rats



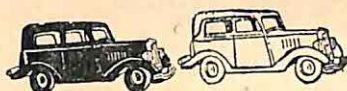
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Which

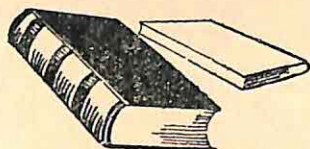
This pig is big.
That pig is small.



This man is tall.
That man is short.



This car is black
That car is white.



This book is thin.
That book is thick.

Which is the big pig?
Which is the short man?
Which is the black car?
Which is the thick book?

LESSON 12

(ck)

back	peck	stick
sock	duck	sack

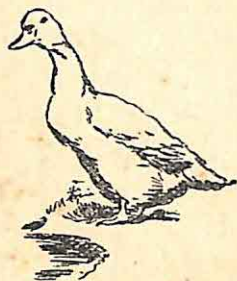
The man is sick.
The sick man is in bed.
The sick man has no socks.
Give him socks.



Lila has a pet hen.
The pet hen pecks.

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This is a duck.
“Quack, Quack,”
says the duck.



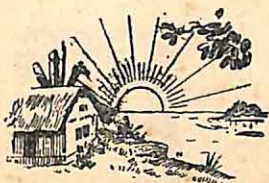
The boy has a sack.
It is on his back.
He has a stick.
It is in his hand.



Lila has a pet hen

LESSON 13

(sh ch)

shall
shutshine
muchshoot
touch

The sun shines.

The sun shines in the east.

I shall shoot.

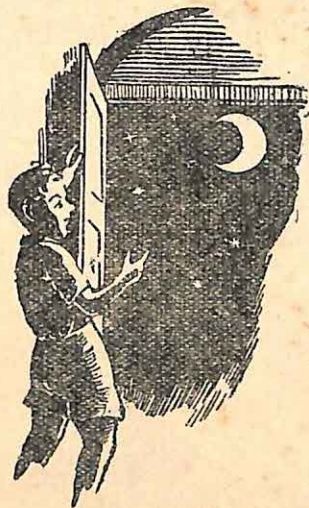
I shall shoot a duck.

I love my dog.

I love it much.

The dog loves me much.

Do not touch my dog.



The moon shines in the sky.

Do not shut the door.

I shall not shut it.



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LESSON 14

(st nt)

fast

west

nest

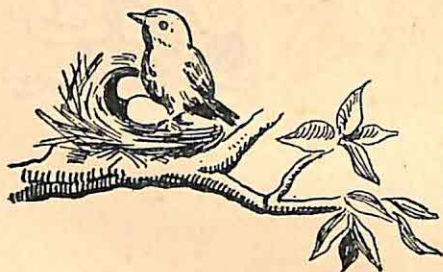
tent

hunt

The sun sets.

The sun sets in the west.

I like sunset.



Birds live in nests.

They fly fast.

They fly fast
to their nests.

The sun sets.

Birds fly to their nests.

The man hunts.

He is a hunter.

He lives in a tent.

Here is his tent.



LESSON 15

(nd ng)

ring

sing

strong

wind

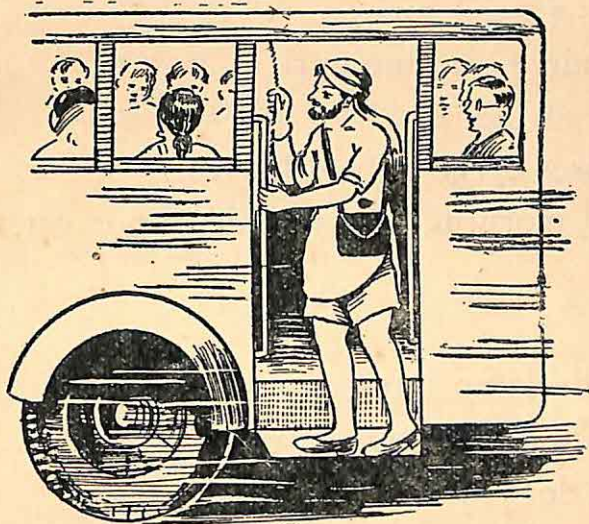
stand

The wind blows.

The wind is strong.

Do not stand in the wind.

It is a strong wind.



There stands a bus.

Get into the bus.

The bell rings :ting—ting-a-ling !

The bell sings :ting-a-ling—ting !

The wind is strong

LESSON 16

(rl rn)

girl

curl

early

burn

turn

corner

morning

Nila is a good girl.

Her hair has a fine curl.

She feeds her cat.

She rises early to feed her cat.

“Good morning!” says Lila to her cat.

The lamp burns.

The lamp burns at night.

It does not burn in the morning.

Here is the street corner.

Turn to the left.

Turn to the left at the street corner.

LESSON 17

(rk sk)

dark hark bark mark
ask task desk
busy teacher

It is dark.

Hark ! a dog barks.

The dog barks in the dark.

Mark the dog.



Lalit is at his desk.

Why is he at his desk ?

You may ask him.

He is busy at his desk.

His teacher set him tasks.

So he is busy.

He is doing sums at his desk.

LESSON 18

(sp sm sw)

spin

small

smile

smell

swim

sweet



Tata is a small boy.
He has a red top.
The red top spins
and Tata smiles.

Tata smiles to see his red top spin.

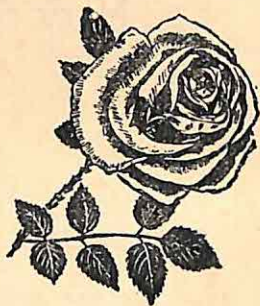
Here is a red rose.

The rose has a sweet smell.

Do you get the smell?

Do you get the sweet smell
of the red rose?

Yes, I do.



I can swim.

Can you?

No, I cannot swim.

LESSON 19

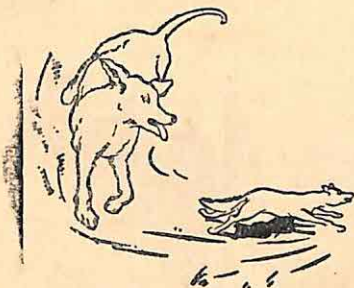
(silent letters)

high talk night
walk bright catch sight



Kamal has a kite.
It flies high.
Soon it is out of sight.

This man loves to walk.
He does not love to talk.
I love to walk on a bright day.
I never walk at night.
I do not talk when I walk.
Night is not bright.

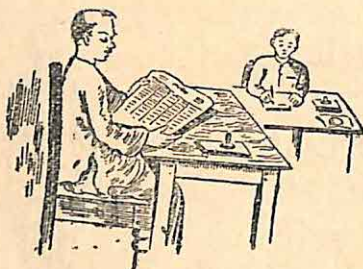


The dog runs to catch
the fox.
"Catch me if you can,"
says the fox.
The dog cannot catch
the fox..

LESSON 20

(Action)

This man sits.
That man stands.

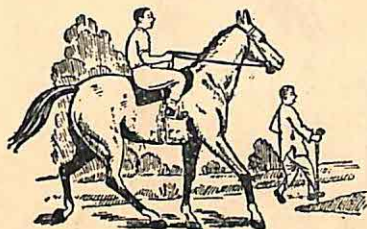


This man reads.
That man writes.

This boy eats.
That boy drinks.



This girl smiles.
That girl cries.



This man rides.
That man walks.

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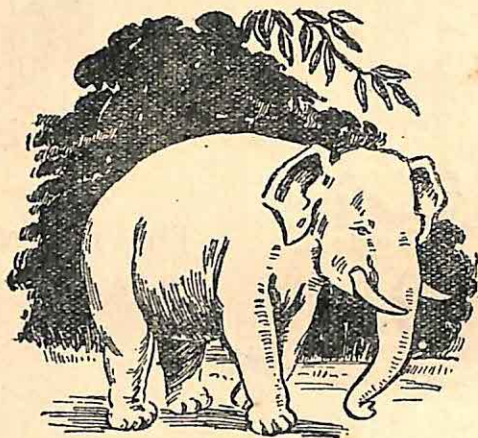
Say as you do :

Stand up, boys.
We stand up, sir.
Sit down, boys.
We sit down, sir.
(And so on.)

LESSON 21

(Parts of the body)

THE ELEPHANT

**thick****strong****tusk****trunk****touch**

Here is an elephant.

How funny he looks !

His legs are thick and strong.

His ears are very big.

His eyes are very small.

The tusks are his teeth.
The trunk is his nose.
What a funny nose !
His head is so high.
I cannot touch it with my hand.
I like to ride on his back.

EXERCISE

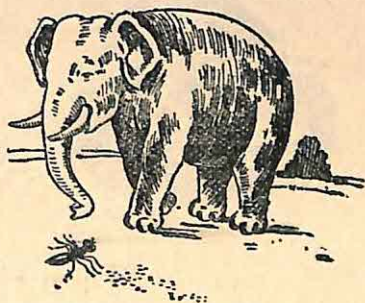
Name the parts of your body.

Now name the things in the class room.

LESSON 22

(**Opposites**)

The elephant is big.
The ant is small.





The man is strong.
The woman is weak.

The tea is hot.
The water is cold.



The crow is black.
The duck is white.

I am right.
You are wrong.

LESSON 23
MY ROOM
(in on at etc.)

I am in my room.

I read in this room.

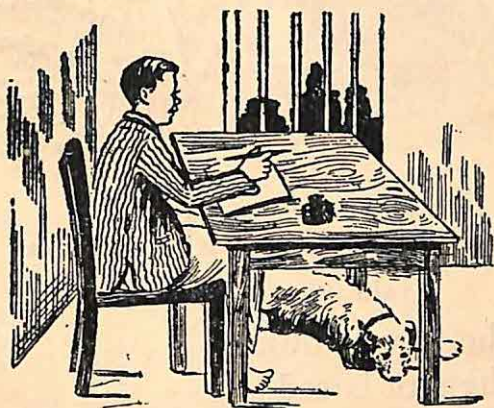
I was out. Now I am in.

The table is on the floor.

The chair is by the table.

My dog is under the table.

The table is over the dog.



I am at the table.

I put my pen into the ink-pot.

I take my pen out.

Then I write.

I write on a sheet of paper.

I write a letter to my father.

LESSON 24

COLOUR



pink

frock

gray

rain

green

The sky is blue.

The sun is red.

Come out on the green grass.

Nani has put on a white shirt.

Haru has a black coat on.

Mira has a pink frock.

Now the sky is gray.

It will rain.

LESSON 25

LILA'S CAT



feed

every day

drink

Who is this little girl?

She is Lila.

What is she doing?

She is feeding her cat.

What is the cat drinking?

The cat is drinking milk.

Does Lila love the cat?

Yes, Lila loves the cat.



Whose pet is the cat?

The cat is Lila's pet.

Who feeds the cat every day?

Lila feeds the cat every day.

LESSON 26

BAPI'S DOG

morning

evening

laugh

Who is the young boy?

The young boy is Bapi.

Whose pet is the dog?

The dog is Bapi's pet.



Bapi loves his pet dog.

He feeds it every day.

He takes it out in the morning.

He takes it out in the evening.

One day the pet dog went to Bapi's school.

The boys laughed to see the pet dog at school.

LESSON 27

OUR HOME

house

chair

shelf

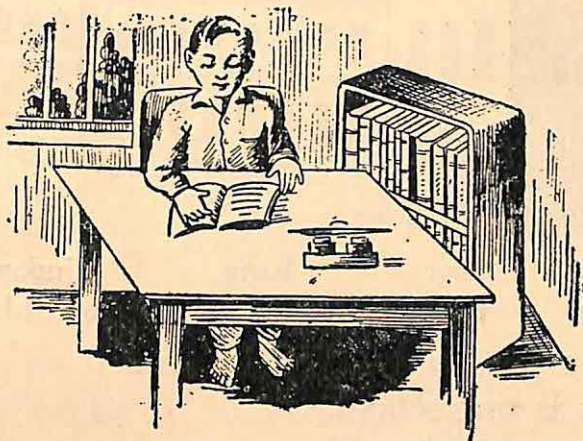
home

table

reading-room

We live in a big house.

It is our home.



We have six rooms in our house.

One of them is my reading-room.

I keep my books on a shelf.

I keep my ink-pot and pen on a table.

I sit on the chair.

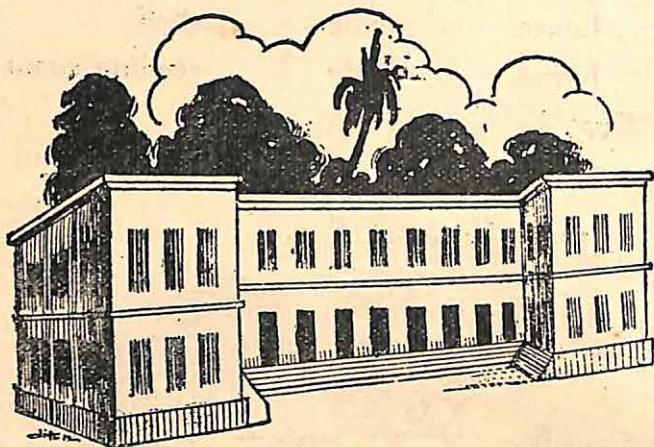
Then I read.

EXERCISE

Name the things you see in your room.

LESSON 28

OUR SCHOOL



building
benches

floor
nail

hang
map

window
black-board

Do you see the big building?

It is our school.

I am in Class V.

It is on the first floor.

We sit on benches.

The teacher sits on a chair.

There is a black-board on the wall.

A map hangs on the wall.

There are thirty boys in our class.

EXERCISE

Name the things you see in your class room.

LESSON 29

ACTION

pencil**paper****sheet****lesson**

Teacher—Come in, Amal.

Amal—I come in, sir.

I am coming in, sir.

Teacher—Sit down.

Amal—I sit down sir.

Teacher—Open your book.

Amal—I open my book.

Teacher—Take up your pencil.

Amal—I take up my pencil.

Teacher—Take a sheet of paper.

Amal—I take a sheet of paper.

Teacher—Write six lines from your lesson.

Amal—I write six lines, Sir.

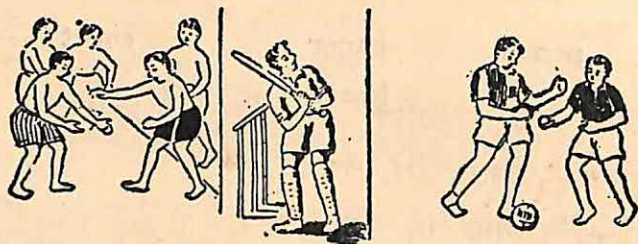
I am writing six lines, sir.

EXERCISE

Act the lesson.

LESSON 30

THE PLAY-GROUND

**summer****cricket****jumps****sports****winter****hockey****prizes****races**

We have a play-ground. Have you?

Our play-ground is nice and big.

It is also long and wide.

We go there after school.

We play foot-ball in summer.

We play cricket and hockey in winter.

Sometimes we play *ha-du-du*.

We have also a sports day.

We run races.

We get prizes for the races.

We get prizes for high jump and long
jump too.

LESSON 31

fever

pill

blow

wind

tie

fast

Do you know our Doctor?

He is Doctor De.

I had fever last night.

Doctor De came to see me.

He gave me a pill and a glass of water.

Then off he went.

The wind was blowing fast.

It blew away the hat of

Doctor De.

It could not blow away his tie.

Doctor De ran for his hat.

It was fine fun to see him run.



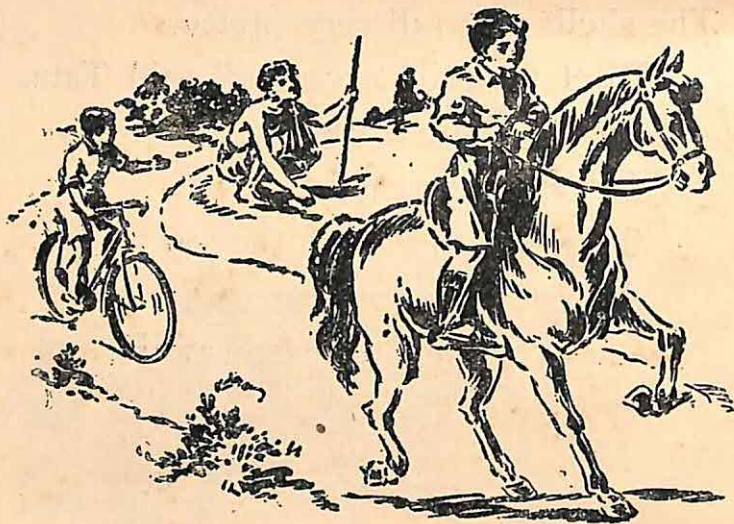
EXERCISE

Answer :

- (i) Why did Doctor De come to see me?
- (ii) What did he give me?
- (iii) What happened to Doctor De's hat?

LESSON 33

ON HORSE BACK



ride

anna

bike

kind

beggar

thank

Look! Amal is on the back of a horse.
It is a fine horse.

Amal can ride the horse.

“Gee!” says Amal and the horse runs.

Kamal cannot ride a horse.

So his father gave him a bike.

Amal rides the horse, and

Kamal rides the bike.

Look ! there is a blind beggar.
The blind beggar wants a pice.
Kamal is kind.
He throws an anna to the blind beggar.
Thank you, Kamal.

EXERCISE

Answer :

- (i) Who rides the horse?
- (ii) Who rides the bike?
- (iii) Who gets the anna from Kamal?

LESSON 34

A PICNIC

spot**shade****food****sweets****race****cook**

Our school is closed to-day.

Let us have a picnic.

There is a fine spot a mile away.

Let us have our picnic there.

Here is the spot.

The two trees will give us shade.



Lalit, run for the milk.

Anil, run for the tea and

sugar.

Samir, run for the sweets.

Let us cook some food too.

Let us run a race.

Let us climb the trees.

Now, let us take food, sweets and tea.

Now is the time to run back home.

LESSON 35

THE BOAT

land

distant

floating

dream

sheet

paper

indeed

real

"I wish I had a big boat," said Tapan.

"What will you do with a big boat?" said
his father.

"I shall go to distant lands."

"I will make a boat for you. Bring a
sheet of paper."



"Here is the paper."

"Here is your boat,"

It was a fine boat, indeed!

It was tiny but it looked like
a real boat.

Off ran Tapan to the side of the river.
He set the boat floating. It went away, away
to distant lands. Tapan dreamed and
dreamed. He was in distant lands too.

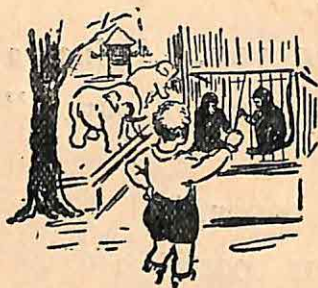
LESSON 36

TO-DAY

To-day our school is closed.

I go to the zoo.

I go to the zoo with my uncle.



Here is the zoo.

We pay two annas at
the gate.

Then we get in.

Off I run to the monkeys.

They are in a big cage.

They cannot come out.

They take nuts from my hand.

There are the elephants.

I must have a ride on the back of
an elephant.

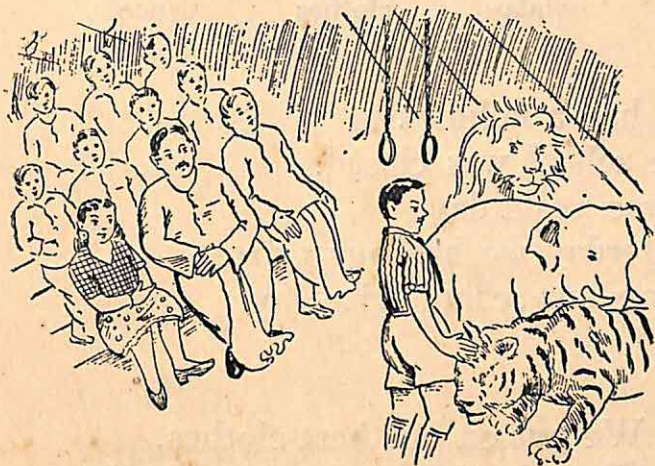
LESSON 37

TO-MORROW

circus
ticket

bring
ground

plenty
besides



Lila will not go to school to-morrow .
She will go to the circus with her father .

Her father will bring a ticket for her.

Then they will go to the circus ground.

Lila will have plenty of fun.

She will see the elephants.

She will see the lions and the tigers.

She will see the clowns.

She will see lots of things besides.

Lila will do all this to-morrow.

LESSON 38

YESTERDAY

prize-day**guest****music****holiday****clothes****dance**

We had a holiday.

The school was closed.

It was yesterday.

Yesterday we had our prizes.

It was our school prize-day.

We put on our best clothes.

The school looked neat and tidy.

There was a flag at the gate.

Many guests came.

The Headmaster spoke about our school.

Some guests also spoke.

Then we had music, dance and songs.

At last we had a play.

A lady gave away the prizes.

I had a very fine prize yesterday.

LESSON 39

TO-DAY, TO-MORROW, YESTERDAY

I am here to-day.

I was not here yesterday.

I shall not be here to-morrow.

Where are you now?

I am now at the zoo.

Where were you yesterday?

I was at school yesterday.

Where will you be to-morrow?

I shall be at the circus to-morrow.

What will you do to-morrow?

I shall go to the circus to-morrow.

What did you do yesterday?

I went to my uncle's house yesterday.

What do you want to do to-day?

I want to go to the zoo to-day.

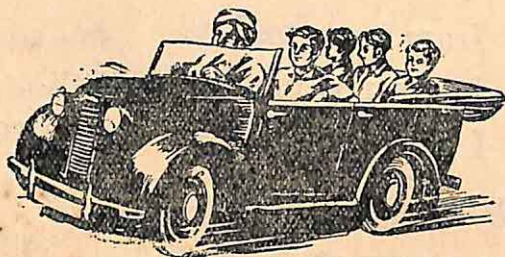
EXERCISE

Fill in the gaps :

- (i) I—here to-day.
- (ii) I—here yesterday.
- (iii) I—be here to-morrow.

LESSON 40

THE MOTOR-CAR



driver
behind

front
seat

start
duck

engine
brought

Benu and his three friends were out
for the day.

They were in a motor-car.

Benu sat by the driver in the front seat.

His three friends sat behind him.

The driver started the engine.

Off they went.

Soon they were out of town.

They drove on and on.

At last they had to stop.

It was getting late.

They must get back home before dusk.

Soon the driver brought them back to
their homes.

LESSON 41
THE DHOBI

wash

bundle

clean

soap

clothes

carry

The Dhobi washes our clothes.
He carries our clothes in a big bundle.
The big bundle is on his back.
His back bends under the big bundle.
The Dhobi makes our clothes clean.
He makes them clean with soap.
He never has a holiday.

EXERCISE

Ask :

- (i) You carry a bundle.
- (ii) He makes the clothes clean.

LESSON 42

worse	better	bigger	smaller
worst	best	biggest	smallest

Haru, Nepu and Nani are three bad boys.
Haru is bad.

Nepu is worse than Haru.

Nani is the worst of the three.

Bina, Bela and Meera are three
good girls.

Bina is good.

Bela is better than Bina.

Meera is the best of the three.

The tiger is a big animal.

The horse is bigger than the tiger.

The elephant is the biggest of all animals.

The crow is a small bird.

The dove is smaller than the crow.

The sparrow is the smallest of them all.

EXERCISE

Fill in the gaps :

- (i) Bela is—than Bina.
- (ii) Nepu is—than Haru.
- (iii) The elephant is the—of all animals.

LESSON 43

RULES OF THE ROAD

**bus****cross****pavement****tram****street****policeman**

Do you see the policeman in the picture?
He is stopping the cars, the buses and
the trams with a show of his hand.

Now is the time to cross the street.
Do not cross the street at other times.
You may be run over.

Many people are killed in the streets of
a big city.

Many more are hurt.

They are run over by cars or buses
or trams.

You should know the rules of the road.

Keep to the left.

Walk on the pavement.

Do not step into the street.

Cross the street only at fixed places.

Do not cross when the buses, trams and cars
are on the run.

LESSON 44

THE JUDGE AND THE FARMER

**court****destroy****pardon****crops****money****memory****precious**

A judge sat in court.

A farmer came into the court room.

"Oh, judge," said the farmer,

"I am very sad.

My bull got into your field.

The bull destroyed all your crops."

"Oh, farmer," said the judge, "you must kill
your bull.

You must pay me money for my crops.
You must beg for my pardon."

The farmer said, "Oh, judge, I am a fool.
My memory is bad.

My bull did not destroy your crops.
Your bull destroyed *my* crops."

"Is that so?" said the judge.

"I cannot kill my bull.

I cannot pay you any money.

My bull is a precious bull.

I must not pay money for your crops.

And I cannot beg for your pardon."

"Now I see," said the farmer,

"There is one law for the judge and
there is another law for a poor farmer."

LESSON 45

SAROJINI NAIDU



orator
leader

governor
speeches

alas

sums
poet

fought
instead

This is Sarojini Naidu.

She is one of the greatest of Indian

women.

She was a poet, an orator and a great

leader.

She was our first woman governor.

Sarojini Naidu was a Bengalee.

But she was born in Hyderabad.

She wrote poems at the age of nine.

One day she was doing sums.

But she wrote a poem instead.

Her father liked her poems.

He sent her to England.

She won fame as a poet in England.

She fought to make our country free.

She made speeches.

She went to jail.

At last she saw that our country was free.

She became the first woman governor in
free India.

Alas, she is dead.

LESSON 46

MAHATMA GANDHI

modern

united

jail

alike

worship

nation

hate

noble



This is Mahatma Gandhi.

He is the greatest man of the modern age.

He is worshipped by all Indians as a saint.

Mahatma Gandhi is called the Father of
the Indian Nation.

He made us united.

He made us free.

He made us feel that we are one nation.

Mahatma Gandhi did not know any fear.

He went to jail again and again.

He went to jail to make our country free.

Mahatma Gandhi did not hate anyone.

He had love for every man.

He loved the Hindus and the Muslims
alike.

He is called the Mahatma or the man with
a great soul.

His soul was noble and great.

Alas, the Mahatma was killed by one of our
own countrymen.

LESSON 47

RAIN, RAIN

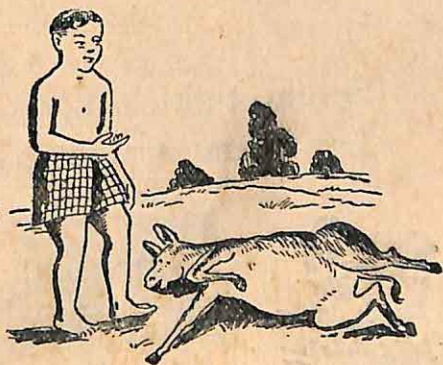
Rain, Rain,
Go away,
Come again
Another day,
Tulu Nilu
Want to play.



LESSON 48

NED

Ned, Ned,
The donkey's
dead!
He died last night —
With a pain in
his head.



LESSON 49

ONE, TWO



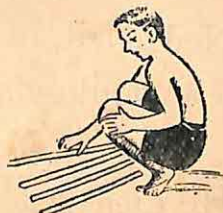
One, two,
Buckle my shoe ;

Three, four,
Shut the door ;



Five, six,
Pick up sticks ;

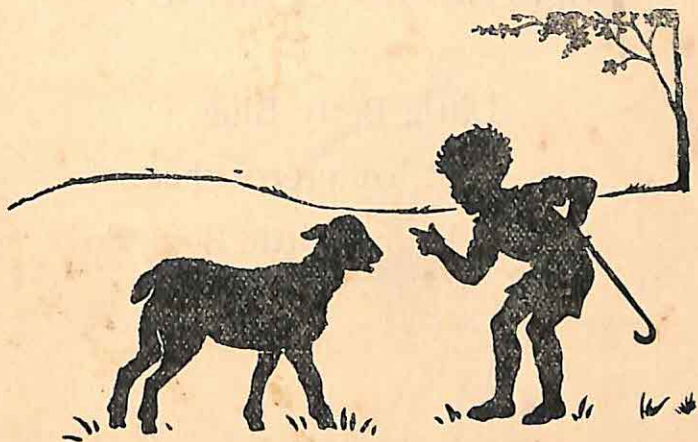
Seven, eight,
Lay them straight ;



Nine, ten,
A good fat hen.

LESSON 50

BAA, BAA, BLACK SHEEP!



Baa, baa, black sheep!

Have you any wool?

Yes sir, yes sir,

Three bags full.

One for my master,

And one for my dame,

And one for the little boy

Who lives down the lane.



LESSON 51

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LITTLE BETTY BLUE

Little Betty Blue
Lost her pretty shoe.
What can little Betty do?



Give her another
To match the other,
And then she may
walk in two.

LESSON 52

THE PEDLAR'S SONG



What do you lack ?

What do you lack ?

Come, buy ! Come, buy !

Here's my pack,

Upon my back ;

Come, buy ! Come, buy !

LESSON 53

BOBBY

whip

dot

trip

trot

tiny

donkey

When Bobby was
a baby,
He had a little whip,
And rode upon
a donkey,
Trip, trip, trip!



When he was a little boy,
A tiny little dot,
He rode upon a pony,
Trot, trot, trot!

When he grows to be a man
He shall have a dog,
And ride upon a gee-gee,
Jog, jog, jog!

LESSON 54

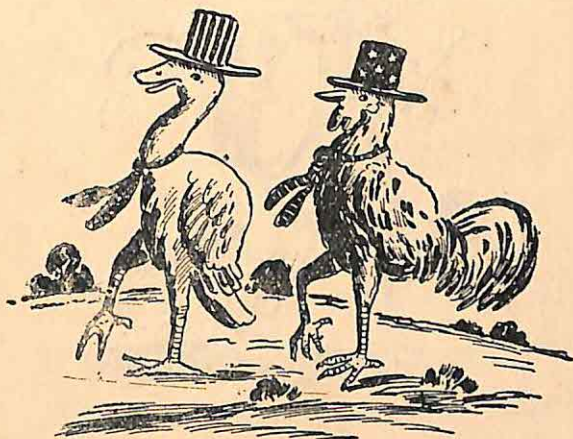
A LITTLE TALK

brown

together

farm-yard

weather



The big brown hen and Mrs. Duck
Went walking out together;
They talked about all sorts of things—
The farm-yard and the weather.
But all I heard was : “Cluck ! Cluck !

Cluck !”

And “Quack ! Quack ! Quack !” from
Mrs. Duck.

LESSON 55

MICHAEL'S DRUM

bright

gay

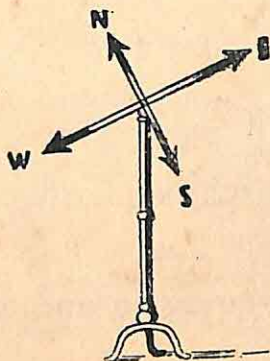
stairs



Michael has a drum, and he knows how
to play,
A red drum, a fine drum, very bright
and gay.

"Rub-a-dub-dub!" says Michael's drum,
"Boom! zoom! zoom! here we come,
Rub-a-dub-dub!—who cares?"
All the way up the stairs.

LESSON 56



When the wind is in the East,
It's neither good for man nor beast ;
When the wind is in the North,
The skilful fisher goes not forth ;
When the wind is in the South,
It blows the bait in the fishes' mouth ;
When the wind is in the West.
Then it's at the very best.

EXERCISE

Say the poem from memory.

LESSON 57

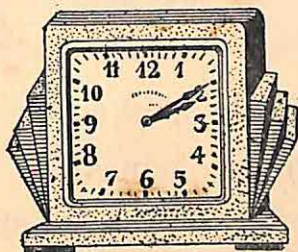
Which and where
and why and when
Are words I keep
saying again and again.

Whatever the answer,
I always declare
Which and why
and when and where.

Whatever the answer,
I always reply,
Where? and when?
and which? and why?

LESSON 58

THE CLOCK



Tick-tack, tick-tack
Tell the time true.
Tick-tack, tick-tack
Ten past two.

LESSON 59

THE DAYS OF THE WEEK

Start on Monday, start for danger ;
Start on Tuesday, meet a stranger ;
Start on Wednesday, get a letter ;
Start on Thursday, something better ;
Start on Friday, start for sorrow—
Start on Saturday, meet your friend
to-morrow.

LESSON 60

STAR CANDLES

candle

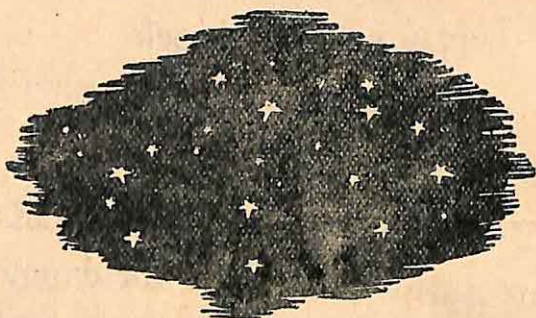
heaven

window

pane

tight

The stars are little candles
In heaven's window panes,
But all the windows are tight shut
If it rains.



Then when the rain is over,
And the sky is washed and clean,
Once more at every window pane
Candles are seen.

LESSON 61

THE OWL

howl

church

tower

twilight

watch-dog



Too-whit ! Too-whoo !

The old white owl

Wakes up at night when

watch-dogs howl.

He's very old and very wise ;

He sees so much with big

round eyes ;

He lives within the dark

church tower ;

And sometimes at the

twilight hour,

I see him pass across the sky,

But never, never hear him fly.

EXERCISE

Say the poem from memory.

LESSON 62

PUSSY AND ROBIN REDBREAST



Little Robin Redbreast,
Sat upon a tree.

Up went Pussy-Cat,
And down came he.

Down came Pussy-Cat,
Away Robin ran ;
Says little Robin Redbreast
"Catch me, if you can."



LESSON 63

TWO BIRDS

I

There were two birds
sat on a stone ;
One flew away, and
then there was one.
The other flew after, and
there was none ;
And then the poor stone
was left all alone.



II

One of the birds then back again flew,
The other flew after, and then there
were two.
Said one to the other, "How do you do?"
"Very well, thank you, and how are you?"

LESSON 64

TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR

wonder

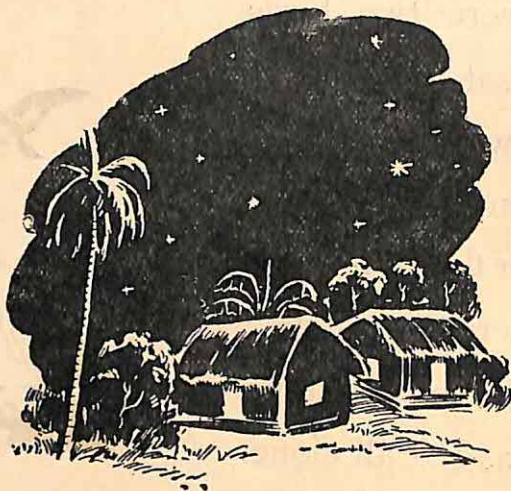
blazing

world

above

diamond

nothing



Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.

When the blazing sun is gone,
When he nothing shines upon,
Then you show your little light,
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.

LESSON 65

A HAPPY CHILD

livelong **hardly**

My house is red—a little house ;
A happy child am I.
I laugh and play the livelong day,
I hardly ever cry.

I have a tree, a green, green tree,
To shade me from the sun,
And under it I often sit,
When all my work is done.

EXERCISE

Answer :

- (i) What kind of a house have I?
- (ii) How do I spend the day?
- (iii) What do I do under the tree?

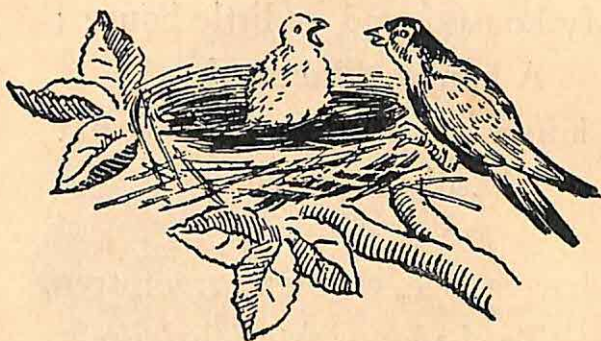
LESSON 66

LITTLE BIRDIE

peep

longer

stronger



What does little birdie say
In her nest at peep of day?
Let me fly, says little birdie,
Mother, let me fly away.
Birdie, rest a little longer,
Till thy little wings are stronger.
So she rests a little longer,
Then she flies away.

LESSON 67

BOATS SAIL ON THE RIVERS

sail

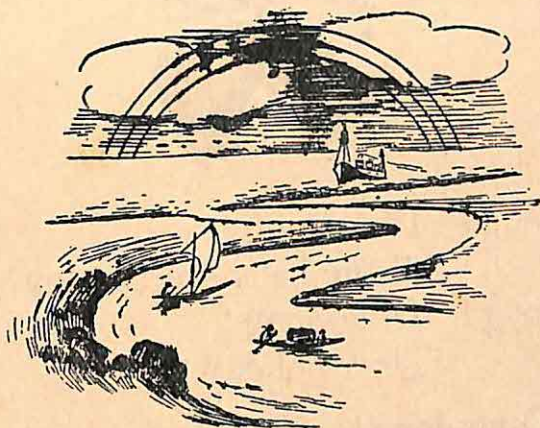
prettier

bridge

build

across

overtops



Boats sail on the rivers,
And ships sail on the seas ;
But clouds that sail across the sky
Are prettier far than these.

There are bridges on the rivers,
As pretty as you please ;
But the bow that bridges heaven,
And overtops the trees,
And builds a road from earth to sky,
Is prettier far than these.

LESSON 68

DING-DONG



Ding-dong! Ding-dong!
All the bells are ringing,
Ding-dong! Ding-dong!
'Tis a holiday.

Ding-dong! Ding-dong!
All the birds are singing,
Ding-dong! Ding-dong!
Let's go out and play.

